

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 and 10 are considered in the Office action.

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Hagiunda et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,182,225 ("Hagiunda").

Summary Of Applicants' Response

Applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Reply to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Hagiunda.

Claim 1 recites a printing system comprising a network, a plurality of output printing devices coupled to the network, each output printing device comprising status information, and an application connected to the network, the application adapted to receive and concurrently display the status information of each of the output printing devices. Hagiunda does not describe or suggest the claimed invention.

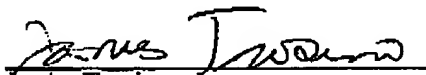
Hagiunda describes a network that includes printers 102, 105 and 109, personal computers 103 and 104, and file server 106. (Col. 10, lines 60-67; Col. 11, lines 4-6; FIG. 1). Network management software, referred to in Hagiunda as "NetSpot," operates on personal computer 103. (Col. 14, lines 32-34; Col. 16, lines 1-4). NetSpot includes functions for displaying, among other things, a "Device Window Dialog Box" that may be used to display status information about a printer. (Col. 37, lines 58-60; Col. 39, lines 49-52; FIG. 43). Hagiunda does not, however, describe or suggest a printing system comprising an application adapted to receive and concurrently display the status information of each of the output printing devices.

Because Hagiunda does not describe or suggest the claimed invention, applicants respectfully request that the § 102(e) rejections of amended independent claim 1 be withdrawn. Because all other claims depend from claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the § 102(e) rejections of claims 1-8 and 10 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8 and 10, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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